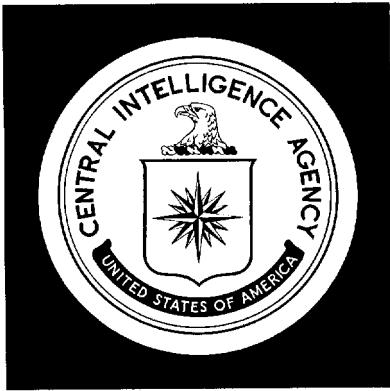


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GUATEMALA-UK: Guatemala has responded favorably to London's suggestion for a ministerial-level meeting to discuss the planned troop buildup in British Honduras. Foreign Minister Herrera warned that this consent was conditioned on Britain withholding public announcement of the reinforcement plans. He said publicity would greatly reduce President Arana's room for maneuver and seriously prejudice chances for an equitable solution. Herrera suggested secret meetings be held in New York or Washington on 9 March. The British are endeavoring to withhold public announcement of their troop increase, at least until a decision is made on the proposed negotiations.

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